

Group Camping Regulations

Acadia National Park
Maine

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Group campsites, which accommodate groups of 15 people, are located at both Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds. Seawall Campground has five sites, and Blackwoods Campground has four sites. Reservations are required and are made through the park (see below). Fee: \$50 per site per night, paid upon arrival.

Grills, picnic tables, and fire rings are available at each site. Drinking water and flush toilets are located nearby. Showers and laundromats may be found a short distance away in local communities.

Space is limited. Keep tents and vehicles to a minimum. RVs are not permitted. Only three vehicles may be parked at each group site. Extra vehicles must be parked off-site.

Group Camping Season

Blackwoods: May 15 to October 15
Seawall: Late May (Wednesday before Memorial Day) to September 30

Reservations

Reservation requests may be faxed or sent through the mail on or after March 15. Requests postmarked or faxed earlier than March 15 will be returned without action. In the interest of fairness, all requests are grouped by postmark or date stamp and processed at random. Please include second choices of campground and dates if possible. Departure date is the day you leave the campground.

Fee Waivers

Waivers of entrance and/or camping fees are available for educational groups provided certain criteria are met. Applicants requesting entrance fee waivers must submit the following documentation:

1. Official recognition as an educational institution. A letter from a federal, state or local government body is sufficient. Current documentation of IRS or similar state tax exempt status also qualifies. Other groups officially recognized by educational institutions for providing credit hours based on courses of instruction may qualify. Submit appropriate documentation. Accreditation is not required for a fee waiver.

2. A statement describing what the educational purpose of the visit is and how it relates to the resources of the park.

Entrance fee waivers are granted on the above two criteria. Camping fee waivers must meet a third requirement. Camping fee waivers are granted only if camping in a National Park Service campground is directly related to and required for completing the educational purpose of your trip. Camping fees cannot be waived solely because an overnight stay is required. As a result, CAMPING FEE WAIVERS ARE RARELY GRANTED.

Regulations

Length of Stay: 14 nights per group per season

Resource Protection: Place all camping equipment, cars, tents, etc., on designated camping area only, not on vegetation or the leaf layer of the forest floor. Digging trenches and driving nails into trees is prohibited. Feeding wildlife and picking wildflowers and other plants is prohibited. Only three vehicles are allowed per group site. RVs and travel trailers are not to be used on group sites. Wheeled vehicles and/or trailers must be in established parking areas. Food should be stored in a rigid food locker, vehicle, or in such a manner as to be inaccessible to raccoons, squirrels, and similar animals.

Fires and Firewood: Kindle fires only on the concrete grill pad and do not leave them unattended, including when retiring for the night. The gathering of firewood is prohibited. Firewood can be purchased locally.

Quiet Hours: 10 p.m. - 7 a.m. Turn off all generators and audio devices. At all times, noise must at a reasonable volume and cause minimal impact on other campers.

Disorderly Conduct/Intoxication: It is illegal to be in the park while under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances. The possession of alcohol by persons under 21 years of age is prohibited.

Regulations **continued**

Traffic Regulations: Campground speed limit is 15 mph and all roads are one-way. Observe the stop sign at the ranger station each time you enter. Bicycles must obey all traffic signs and regulations. Remove detachable mirrors when not towing. Skateboards and rollerblades/skates are prohibited.

Water Use/Disposal: Washing dishes or hair at water spigots or in restrooms is prohibited. Please wash at campsites.

Pets: Pets must be leashed, caged, or otherwise under physical control at all times. They must not be left unattended at any time.

Check-Out Time: 10 a.m. Please drop windshield permit in check-out box.

Payment/Registration: Camping in Acadia National Park requires appropriate registration and payment of use fees.

Campsites: Campsites must be obviously marked with personal property to show it is occupied, such as with a tent, sign, tablecloth, or low-value item. Camp only in designated sites.

Utilities: Connecting to any water or electric utility is prohibited.